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SUBJECT: House Judiciary Committee Hearing on "The
Antiterrorism Act of 1986"

1. On March 4, 1986, the House Judiciary Committee heard testimony from various witnesses on a House bill, "The Antiterrorism Act of 1986". A copy of the bill will be forwarded to you as soon as it is printed. This bill is related to S. 1429, a Senate-passed bill to make criminal under the laws of the United States certain violent acts committed against United States nationals abroad. The House bill, in contrast, contains provisions on extradition reform as well as other miscellaneous provisions.

2. Various witnesses testified at the hearing including Abraham Sofaer, the Legal Advisor to the Department of State and Victoria Toensing, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) was unable to provide their statements to this Office for timely Agency review and comment prior to the hearing: as you can see from the testimony, the hearing was held on relatively short notice. Attached, however, are copies of: 1) a draft version of the Toensing statement (received from OMB after-the-fact); 2) the final version of Sofaer statement; and, 3) the statement of Representative Hughes, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Crime.

3. Based on statements at the hearing, it appears the bill is likely to see favorable and, perhaps, fast action in the House. It is likely that the version of the bill which ultimately passes the House will resemble S. 1429 as passed by

the Senate: Several Members indicated that they did not favor including in the House bill anything other than the provisions of the Senate-passed bill.

4. We will keep you advised of further developments.

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